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Welcome to Our Chapter!



We are THETA!

Hello and welcome to the Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta!

I am the current, very proud president of chapter, Breland Cederberg. We had quite the school year in 2008-2009! Recruitment brought us 11 new wonderful women eager to be involved and contribute to our house (which they have!). This spring we brought home 10 of the 14 Greek Awards including the "Chapter of the Year" award. Currently, we have 28 members and we continue to grow each semester. At The University of Montana, our Greek community is composed of four sororities and five fraternities. Although we are small, we maintain a strong presence on campus and are well respected throughout the Missoula community.

To our alumnae, I invite you to explore our site that includes information about our current members, our centennial celebration happening October 9-10, 2009, and our capital campaign.



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For more information, chapter website administrators should send an e-mail to webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org.

Questions and issues regarding the wiki websites should also be directed to this address.

Later this year, wiki websites will be available to Theta alumnae chapters. ▽

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WE'VE HAD A MAKEOVER!

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, Γ/BUTLER, EDITOR

"DO YOU NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT?" WHAT A LOADED QUESTION! AND WHAT A MAINSTAY CLICHÉ OF COMEDY ROUTINES AND COMIC STRIPS.

"Do you notice anything different?" In the joke or sketch, it's usually a woman posing this question to a man. And the hapless fellow, whether spouse, boyfriend, or significant other, casts about frantically for the answer. Is it a different haircut? New shoes? Something new in the room? What's different? What?!

We on the Theta magazine staff are not (not usually, anyway) fodder for comedy routines, and we're sure that you, dear reader, aren't, either. So we'll dispense with the entrapping questions. Of course you've noticed something different! *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* has undergone a makeover.

Our nameplate on the cover is new. The table of contents on this page and the masthead and Site to See column on the facing page look completely different than they did on comparable pages in the Summer 2009 issue. And as you continue to thumb through this issue, you'll notice that pretty much everything looks different than it did in preceding editions. Design-wise, it's the equivalent of a new haircut and new shoes *and* a new paint job in the living room.

It's high time, too. In this issue's Through the Years column (page 24), Fraternity Archivist Mary Edith Arnold, AM/Missouri, points out that our Theta magazine has undergone countless changes in its 124-year history. The collage of magazine covers illustrating that column bears her witness. Until this issue, however, and with the exception of a few gentle tweaks, *The Magazine* has looked and read substantially the same since the Spring 1995 issue!

We had several goals when we began our magazine makeover. One goal is to make greater use of photographs. In the early days of digital photography, many of the electronic images we received were too small and/or shot at too low a resolution to be suitable for publication. Today, though, 3.2 megapixel cameras are common and relatively inexpensive. And most people understand that a photo shot in low light with a cell phone isn't going to make it into print. Although we certainly don't intend to neglect the text, our new design allows us to be more visually oriented in our presentation.

Another goal is to acknowledge and take advantage of the wealth of information available on the Kappa Alpha Theta website. Most articles will now direct interested readers who want more information to either a specific area of our website or to another Internet resource. (As a corollary, each issue of *The Magazine* continues to be available online, in an interactive format that allows you to send comments to us, e-mail interesting articles to your friends, and submit to us articles or article ideas.)

A third goal is to promote our organization's greatest asset—you! It is Theta's members who demonstrate in their lives and stories the opportunity, influence, and promise of our Fraternity. Accordingly, the main feature of each issue will be a profile article of a Theta whose life, work, or achievements are worthy of aspiration. Our In Her Own Words feature will continue to utilize a question-and-answer format to portray a Theta of note in, as the name implies, her own words. The new Women of True Promise department spotlights a Theta, from the past or present, who exemplifies True Promise, the tremendous potential within each of us for social, intellectual, and moral growth.

We're very excited about this issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, as well as the issues to come. Authors and editors sometimes compare publishing a book or magazine to sending a child out into the world. We're not sure that's an apt analogy, but there is a certain amount of anxiety associated with the process. We hope you enjoy the "new" Theta magazine; we certainly enjoyed bringing it to you. As a Theta wrote in 1885, when Grand Convention voted to establish a magazine, "... we hope to publish a first-class fraternity magazine. It is well to aim high. We want our kite to fly near the sun." ♦

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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YOUR THETA MAGAZINE

Did you know that our magazine is online? You can read past issues, manage your magazine subscription, and submit items for publication, all at www.kappaalphatheta.org.

It's easy! Just log into the Fraternity's website and simply click *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* link on the left-hand side of your screen.

Past issues are displayed on the right-hand side of the resulting screen. You may share magazine articles via e-mail or social networks, print articles, or make comments.

To manage your magazine subscription online, scroll to the bottom of the main screen in *The Magazine* section. To receive our publication more or less frequently or to receive notification of when it is available online, please complete the Update Magazine Preferences form.

Finally, you may complete the Submit a Magazine Article Idea form to offer items for publication in the Snapshots section or suggest ideas for feature articles.

MILESTONES

The summer of 2009 marked milestone anniversaries for the following Theta officers. (Their current offices are listed below.)

5 YEARS

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40 YEARS

Lissa Luton Bradford
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The quarterly listings of honorary and memorial gifts to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation are now available online. Please visit www.kappaalphathetafoundation.org/hall-of-honor.

REUNIONS ANNOUNCED**ΔE/ARIZONA STATE**

All Theta alumnae in the Phoenix area are invited to join us for a weekend celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Delta Epsilon Chapter, November 7 and 8. Activities include a meet and greet with college members at the chapter facility on Saturday afternoon, a group outing to the ASU football game that night, and a luncheon at the Tempe Mission Palms on Sunday. For more information and to RSVP, please e-mail asutheta50anniversary@yahoo.com. If you are on Facebook, you are welcome to join the Theta/Delta Epsilon page: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#/group.php?gid=630249983>. A party for initiates in the years 1986-91 will be held on Friday, Nov. 6 (contact Kelly Alexis, asubean@aol.com.)

PLANNING A REUNION?

Place a reunion notice in *The Magazine* and on the Theta website. Mail a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, and e-mail webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.

WE REGRET THE FOLLOWING ERRORS

Due to a reporting error, Courtney Krebs, BI/Colorado, was not included in our listing of collegians earning straight As ("Academic Achievers," Spring 2009).

The website address for Phat Flops, a Theta-owned company that customizes Brazilian flip-flops, was misspelled ("Snapshots," Summer 2009). The correct address is www.phat-flops.com.

The last name of Wanda Bash Whitsitt, Delta/Illinois, was inconsistently spelled ("Woman of True Promise," Summer 2009). ◊

WHAT'S NEW?

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via e-mail or snail mail to the editor. Addresses are listed on page 2. Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

WRITE TO US

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input. Correspondence by regular mail or e-mail may be sent to the editor. (See page 2 for addresses.)

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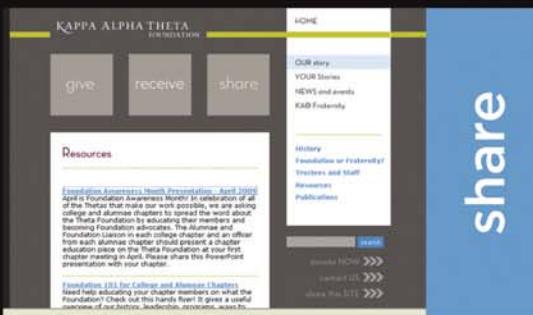
"I like supporting successful organizations and powerful projects, and I believe the Foundation is doing really neat things that I want to be a part of." - Amy Dye Kanning, Beta Nu/Florida State

Interested in joining Amy in supporting the Foundation? Every little bit makes a difference! Click the **GIVE** button on the Foundation website to find out how you can help.



receive

Need some assistance with pursuing your academic dreams? Want to make a difference in your community or around the world? The Foundation can help! Foundation scholarships and educational and leadership grants are available for collegians, alumnae, and chapters. Find out more and apply online beginning in October! Check out the **RECEIVE** section of the Foundation website.



share

Be sure to share Foundation news and stories with your sisters, chapters, potential new members and friends this year! We have a variety of information available online to help you spread the word. Check out the **OUR Story** section of the Foundation website for Foundation history, presentation resources and the latest Foundation news. You can also read stories from scholarship, grant, and Friendship Fund recipients in the **YOUR Story** section of the Foundation website.

Who We Are

The **Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation** is a charitable and educational tax-exempt organization, separate and independent from the Fraternity. **Our mission is to link Thetas with resources to help them reach their fullest potential and make a difference in the world.** Created by Thetas, for Thetas, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation is dedicated to raising money for scholarships, educational and leadership grants, and financial hardship grants for our Kappa Alpha Theta members to achieve their personal and professional dreams.



DELTA UPSILON CHAPTER AT EASTERN KENTUCKY VOLUNTEERED AT THE SUSAN G. KOMAN FOUNDATION'S RACE FOR THE CURE EVENT IN LEXINGTON, KY.



A Beta Epsilon Chapter at Oregon State held its first Career Day at the chapter facility. Seventeen alumnae from across the nation led the event, which included résumé reviews, mock interviews, business etiquette, and private networking. Pictured at the event are collegians (front) Jessica Ross, Christine Lee, Kelsey Cooper, (back) Kendall Distefano, Lily Shorey, and Katie Alexander.

B Maggie McKenny Harris, Γ/Butler , and Amanda Adamek, $\text{E}\Omega/\text{Washington \& Jefferson}$, exhibited great fashion sense at Leadership Conference.

C Joan French Huey, GY/Miami , and Mary

French McCleary, $\Gamma/\text{Kentucky}$, celebrated with their mother, Vicky McLendon French, $\Gamma/\text{Kentucky}$, as her 50th year in Theta was acknowledged at the Columbus (Ohio) Founders Day.

D Eta Theta Chapter at Central Florida held its Spring Fling philanthropy event, which raised \$1,500 for CASA and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

E Three generations of the Jensen/Kassebaum family were represented at Alpha Mu Chapter's centennial celebration this spring at Missouri. Shelle Stewart Jensen (mother), Betsy Jensen, Linda Kassebaum Jensen (grandmother),

Jan Jensen Howard (aunt), all of Alpha Mu Chapter, were in attendance. Helen Horn Kassebaum (great-grandmother) was also a member of the chapter

F Karen Jaffee Kalan and Barbara Smoyer, both Alpha Iota at Washington-St. Louis, enjoyed the university's Thurtene Carnival, the oldest and largest student-run carnival in the country.

G The University of Oklahoma held its Queen for a Weekend celebration in the spring, in which each sorority hosts a few of their international officers for a weekend of pampering and fun. $\text{Alpha Omicron Chapter}$ invited 24 internation-

THETAS OF NOTE



MEG FRANCEZ, $\text{A}\Phi/\text{TULANE}$, was crowned Queen Evangeline LXX for the Southwest Louisiana Mardi Gras Association's Ball. Francez, a fourth generation Mardi Gras royal, was selected to reign over the festivities.



SARAH BONNET, $\Gamma\Delta/\text{OHIO WESLEYAN}$, is a recipient of a scholarship from the Pittsburgh Alumnae Panhellenic Association.



HALLIE HENLEY, $\text{AO}/\text{OKLAHOMA}$, has been named a Boutique 18, (a best and brightest young designer to watch in the hospitality industry) by *Boutique Design Magazine*. Henley's design projects include the Elan Hotel in San Antonio.



DR. DANIELLE ADELBERG HAMILL, $\text{A}\Psi/\text{LAWRENCE}$, associate professor of zoology, received The Sherwood Dodge Shankland Award for the Encouragement of Teachers at Ohio Wesleyan's commencement ceremony.

PAIGE BENDEL ELLERMAN, $\Gamma/\text{KENTUCKY}$, has been elected partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, in the firm's business restructuring, bankruptcy and creditors' rights Practice Group. Ellerman is board certified in business bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification.

CHRISSEY MCCURDY, $\text{ZX}/\text{JOHNS HOPKINS}$, was recognized with the Student Excellence Award for



al officers to the weekend, which included a progressive dinner among the chapter facilities, a tour of the Greek-built Habitat for Humanity house, shopping, manicures at historic Campus Corner, and a dinner banquet. Former Fraternity president **Helen Edwards Woodward, AO/Oklahoma**, received the Centennial Alumna Award, given to only one alumna from each sorority.

H Members of the **Concord (NH) Alumnae Chapter** held their Fall Women's Expo Fashion Show at Manchester Country Club. Pictured are **Judie Lahti Kupperman, ΠΠ/Iowa State**, chapter president, and **Pamela Zortman Rogers, ΠΠ/Rollins**, vice-president philanthropy and expo chairman.

I Collegians from **Zeta Tau Chapter at Delaware** headed to the Bahamas for some sun and surf during spring break.

J Graduating **Eta Theta Chapter** members **Ashley Settle** and **Brittany Yeates** celebrate their commencement at **Central Florida**.

K Members of the **Alpha Lambda Chapter** advisory board at **Washington** enjoyed a weekend in Leavenworth, Wash. Pictured are **Alyson Bloom Lauer, ΒΠΙ/Michigan State**; **Staci Stevens, BE/Oregon State**; **Penny Chirazi Gowen, EΘ/Stetson**; and **Carrie Stearns, ΔΔ/Whitman**.

L Collegians from **O/USC, AO/Oklahoma, BZ/Oklahoma State, K/Kansas and BA/William & Mary** worked as counselors

at Kanakuk Kamp K-West, a camp for 12- to 14-year-olds.

M **Jessica Smith, EZ/Mississippi**, requested and had a meet-and-greet with **Cindy Hensley McCain, O/USC**, while John McCain was on campus for a 2008 presidential election debate. Smith was invited to a debate-watching party, given a backstage pass, and stood on stage with the McCains as the presidential hopeful addressed the crowd post-debate.

N **Katie Hanks, Mary Andersen, and Brittnee Maxfield**, all members of **Gamma Chi Chapter at Fresno State University**, ran in the San Joaquin Valley College of Law's Race for Judicata. The women had a great time running the 5K race together!

Leadership and Service at Johns Hopkins University's annual Leadership Recognition Program. The award recognizes students who have made meritorious and outstanding contributions to student activities. McCurdy was acknowledged for her contributions to the women's soccer team.

For the second consecutive year, **ROBYN BENEAR EWING, ΙΤ/TULSA**, was named one of the *Journal Record's* "50 Making a Difference," recognizing the top 50 female busi-

ness and community leaders in Oklahoma.

PAULETTE (POLLY) THOMPSON CROWLEY, ΒΘ/IDAHO, is superintendent of West Valley School District in Spokane, Wash. She currently serves on the Spokane Workforce Development Council, Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce K-12 Roundtable, Whitworth University Advisory, University of Idaho College of Education Advisory Council, and is

president of Northeast Washington Association of School Administrators.

ALYSE SCHROEDER, ΒΦ/PENN STATE, is ranked first in the world in boom running. A boom runner crosses a set of logs, which are attached end-to-end in the water, in the fastest time possible. Schroeder claimed her title after defeating the favored runner in the Stihl Timbersports Series.

LAURA KEEHNER RIGAS, BA/WILLIAM & MARY, has

concluded six years of service in the Bush administration's US Department of Justice and US Department of Homeland Security, serving two of the six years as the head spokesperson and press secretary for the DHS. She has been accepted to Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

JANIE GIBSON, AM/MISSOURI, competed in the 2009 Miss Missouri Pageant, the preliminary pageant for Miss America, and received a \$500 talent scholarship.

SALLY LAWRENCE SYREN, BA/ARIZONA, was named the California Retired Teachers Association (North Shores Division 78) volunteer of the month. Syren is active in the Division 78 Scholarship Foundation Board; the Freedom's Foundation Board of Directors; Alpha Delta Kappa, a women in education honorary sorority; and the Retired Administrators Association. She was an elementary principal and math council participant.



**TAU/NORTHWESTERN 1989 ALUMNAE MET ON CAMPUS.
IN THE STONE WALL ARCH OF SORORITY QUAD.
PICTURED ARE MARGARET PUGH O'MARA, STEPHANIE
BLACK ANDERSON, KEELY SIKES ROLLINGS, KATHERINE
BLACKBURN REAY, LAURIE BONNEY, SHANNAN SATKAMP
BISHOP, AND DEB PRINCE HALE.**

THETA REUNIONS

A Alumnae of Gamma Chi Chapter at Fresno State have been reuniting for the past five years—the reunions have allowed them to find at least two “lost” members every year! Those attending the 2009 reunion included Arlene Dutschke, Mary Coffman Noga, Joan Canepa, Nancy DeYager Gilchrist, Donna Kern Fagundes, Holly King, Roxanne Nury Stephenson, Daryl Merriman Erdman, Ann Joyce Crawford, Lezlie Row Hemman, Judy Gentile Gaither, and Liz Stinson Haley.

B The 1952 initiation class at Gamma Xi Chapter at San Jose State met at their

biannual luncheon in San Francisco.

C Joan Winter Schneider, Jeanette Vett Kincheloe, B.B. Burns Green, Joyce Newcomer Stuart, Audrey Hemphill Esnard, Doryce Taylor McCutchan, Nancy Taylor Wolf, Joanne Heineman and Zanne Shaw Winship, all members of the Omicron 1950 initiation class at USC, met for their biannual luncheon in Pasadena.

D Nearly 40 members of the 1959-1965 initiation classes of Delta Epsilon Chapter at Arizona State gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the chapter's founding.

E Members of the 1988 class of Gamma Delta Chapter at Georgia met for a reunion at Lookout Mountain, Tenn. Pictured are Amy McCrory Brown, Salina Hovey Millen, Ellen Rossiter Houpt, Beth Morris Self and Karen Chapman Reese.

F Anne Spiker Heller, Liz Sinnock Drake, Cindy Eickman Newcomer, Mary Shirley Wiethoff, Kellee Heffernan Heisel, Leesa Wilson-Goldmuntz, and Sally Mathews Neff, all Beta Chapter alumnae from Indiana, vacationed in Sanibel, Fla.

G Members of the 1973-1974 initiation classes from Beta Delta Chapter at Arizona met for a mini-reunion in

THETA AUTHORS



LISA TOSCANO BEVERE, BA/ARIZONA, has published *Nurture*, a book that outlines how women of all ages must awaken and restore their capacity to give and receive nurture to fulfill their purpose on Earth.



JANA COLE BERTRAND, BS/SMU, has written *Beware the Red Flag Man: What Mothers Wish Their Daughters Could Know*. The book outlines the characteristics of a Red Flag Man, provides advice and encouragement for moth-

ers to share on selecting the right partner, and shares how women are affected by those partners emotionally, physically, and mentally. It empowers mothers and daughters alike, and the intimate dialect adds a sensitive approach to a serious issue.

JO PETRY HERSHBERGER, A/DEPAUW, has published her first novel, *Some Good Memory*. The story spans the years from 1947-2002, and is a testament to the power of the life-

long friendship among four Midwestern girls.

KELSEY TEMPLE PHILLIPS, AΩ/TEXAS A&M, has written and published *College Bound on Solid Ground*. The book equips women with advice and knowledge to help them thrive during their college experience.

A Visitor's Guide to the Colonial and Revolutionary South is a guidebook cowritten by **PATRICIA NELSON FOULKE,** Y/MINNESOTA, that

examines the battlefields, historical sites, colonial settlements, and museums of the South with images, timelines, and anecdotes. Readers are taken through the streets of Colonial Jamestown, New Orleans's French Quarter, and Williamsburg, among others.

In How to Make a Boring Subject Interesting: 52 Ways Even A Nerd Can Be Heard, **GENI GREER WHITEHOUSE,** ΔΣ/NORTH CAROLINA,



Tucson. Pictured are Sally Ellis Wille, Angela Boutin Lisy, Becky Voss Gettings, Joyce Kline Wright and Jane Doehrman Eberly.

H Alumnae of Beta Pi Chapter at Michigan State reunited in Wrightsville Beach, NC, for a weekend in February 2009. Those in attendance were (front) Joan Pasley Conversano, Chris Burfield Pietro, Monica Roth Baragar, Karen Kemp Pedigo, Karen Bole Wolf, Margaret Leverich Blum, Annie Walker, (back) Julie Ebling Willett, Pam Fasse, Kyle Wold Klarich, Kim Dean Schenarts, Tina Marakas Battle, Kelly Merrill Flores-New, Jean Segesta Lembke and Sarah Smith Eigenmann.

I Last September, 14 alumnae of Gamma Pi/Iowa State met in Sedona, Ariz., for their seventh reunion together since graduating in 1956. Present were (back) Rebecca Metcalf Matson, Jan Staab Meinhold, Carol Koch Christenson, Marian Pletke Jacobson, Mary Alice McLafferty Johnson, Sally Wilson Judd, Georgette Hoagland James, (front) Shirley Weaver Blaul, Joyce Anderson Havens, Beth Holl Bierbaum, Charlene Stocker Campbell, Carolyn Finney Meling, Sally Brunn Breckenridge and Sue Fitzsimmons Lessin.

J Eighty-one members from the Greater Fort Myers and Naples-Marco Island-Bonita Springs alumnae chapters in Florida gathered for a Founders Day

Celebration. Pictured are the 50-year Thetas who were honored.

K Ten Delta Theta Chapter alumnae gathered for a reunion weekend in Nashville, Tenn., to take in the Florida vs. Tennessee football game. Two Alpha Chi Chapter collegians from Purdue joined in the photo at the Alpha Eta Chapter facility at Vanderbilt. Pictured are Anne-Marie Gerry Ayers, Brenda Baker, Stacey Tucker Arlosoroff, Janet Jarvis Miller, and Elaine Jarvis Pattillo, all ΔΘ/Florida; Suzanne Robison, AX/Purdue; Sharon Vergari Thames, ΔΘ/Florida; Lindsay Williams, AX/Purdue; and Caryl Hippler, Theresa Lyon Harris, Faye Glickstein Schultz, and Monisa Cox Cline, all ΔΘ/Florida.

consultant, speaker, and self-proclaimed nerd, outlines how anyone tasked with presenting a "boring" subject can find new sources of inspiration and ways to organize and present their material.

MARY C. WOOLLING, Γ/BUTLER, has written *Joys of the Journey: An Offering of Essays*, a collage of heartwarming stories on topics ranging from nature to beloved personal objects. The book contains journaling pages for readers to

record their thoughts as they go along. The next in Woollings multi-book series is *Brightening the Corners: Rays of Hope for Our World*, which will be released in Nov. 2009.

After learning she had brain cancer in the summer of 2007, **CARLA ALO,** ΒΘ/IDAHO, pursued her dream of writing and publishing a book of poetry, *Words Have Flavors*. Proceeds from the book are funding a summer teaching in Cairo, Egypt, with InterVarsity

Christian Fellowship. **JUDITH PINKERTON JOSEPHSON, T/ NORTHWESTERN**, has written two books to add to the History Makers Bios Series for children by Lerner Publishing. The series provides short and simple life stories of historical figures. Her books detail the lives of Nelson Mandela and Louis Armstrong.

SARAH ELLEN MCGREEVY, A/DEPAUW, has illustrated her daughter's book, *Back to the Manger: A Treasure*

Hunt for the Nativity. The story invites the reader to go along on a journey to search for a Neapolitan crèche, calling to mind the true meaning of Christmas and the search for the child within our own hearts.

CAROLE O'MALLEY GAUNT, ΓΗ/MASSACHUSETTS, has written *Hungry Hill—A Memoir*. The book chronicles Gaunt's life as an adolescent, dealing with the death of her mother, her father's alcoholism, and having to raise her

seven brothers, and herself, as an adult would.

JACKIE NEWGENT, ΑΓ/OHIO STATE, has released *Big Green Cookbook: Hundreds of Planet-Pleasing Recipes and Tips for a Luscious, Low-Carbon Lifestyle*. The hybrid cookbook is perfect for culinary novices and experienced cooks alike, and encourages followers ecotarian eating: considering all of the ecological factors in creating the food. ♦

GO BLACK... GO GOLD... GO GREEN!

BY LAURA KASSENROCK, Γ/BUTLER

For years you've been hearing about maintaining an eco-friendly lifestyle. You've no doubt banished bottled water, ditched the plastic grocery bags, and begun taking your own mug to the coffee shop. You may follow the basics when it comes to living the green life, but doesn't it seem like you could do more?

There are, no doubt, questions you have about recycling, terms you've never heard, resources you may not know about, and inspirational Thetas out there who may just bring out the environmentalist in you. Rather than feeding you scary facts about glaciers melting like ice cubes and that ever-expanding hole in the ozone layer, this article aims to give you realistic, actionable steps you can take to make your world a better place—things you may never have heard or always wondered about.

This isn't your typical green article, and why should it be? Thetas aren't typical women. So sit back in your repurposed lawn chair, grab some fair-trade hot tea, and enjoy a quick lesson in Greener Living 101.

WASTE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY (A.K.A. REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE)

You've probably heard the "three Rs" of green living, but did you know that the three are part of a solid waste management hierarchy? Reducing your consumption is the most important, followed by reusing existing items, and finally recycling as a last resort. Here are some quick and easy ways that you might not know about that will help incorporate each into your life.

REDUCE

- Pick one day a week and go vegetarian. It's estimated that the meat industry is responsible for nearly 20 percent of all man-made greenhouse gas emissions. Read more about the "Meatless Monday" initiative at <http://www.meatlessmonday.com/>.

- Buy local. The average distance supermarket produce has traveled, from farm to plate, is 1,500 miles! By buying local food, you eliminate the environmental impact of that travel and support your local economy.

- Just say NO to junk mail. Register for the Direct Marketing Association's DMAChoice at <http://www.dmachoice.org> and receive only



PURCHASING LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD AND DITCHING THE PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS REDUCES YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT.



mail that interests you.

- Fix what's broken. Don't give up on that old vacuum or wobbly table. Chances are, you can fix it! It's cheaper and has less of an environmental impact than buying a replacement.

- Buy Energy Star products, which consume a fraction of the energy used by other appliances. Not only will this help the environment, it will save you money on energy costs.

- Shop at bulk stores, which don't require bags and use less packaging per unit.

- Use power strips. Flip the switch when not using your products. Even when they're turned off, appliances still use energy if they're plugged in.

REUSE

- Become a part of the green crafting movement. Believe it or not, it actually exists, and it's very chic! Head to <http://craftingagreen-world.com> for great projects and tips.

- Swap with a neighbor, friend or stranger. Check out www.dignswap.com, an online "clos- et" where you can swap with total strangers!

- Throw a repurpose party. It really is true that one person's trash is another's treasure, so why not celebrate that? You never know what your pal can do with some old magazines and your college coffee table.

- Start a compost bin. Although it sounds scary, creating a compost pile isn't difficult. Or smelly. Or a backyard atmosphere killer. All it takes is a container, food and yard scraps, and a little time to produce some great soil for your garden or lawn.

RECYCLE

We all know that aluminum cans, plastic water bottles and newspapers can make their way into our recycling bin, but there are items that are trickier. For example, what do you do with sandwich baggies or aerosol cans? This primer should help make things a little clearer.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD is recyclable, but not all local pick-up services accept it. To recycle the product, break it down or flatten it and remove all tape (adhesives are damaging to the recycling process). Contact your local recycling center or the Corrugated Packaging Council to determine pick-up in your area.

Dark-colored **ENVELOPES** are difficult to recycle, so stick with white or light-colored envelopes. Envelopes with clear-plastic windows are recyclable as-is.

LDPE or #4 PLASTICS include plastic shopping bags, dry cleaning bags, bread bags, plastic

wrap (like that around toilet paper or paper towels), and Ziploc and sandwich bags.

Although it's tough to find local pick-up for these bags, you can take them to most local grocery stores, including Wal-Mart.

PP or #5 PLASTICS include cottage cheese, yogurt, or margarine containers. Although many local recycling centers do not accept #5 plastics, you can take them to Whole Foods stores or you can mail your #5 plastics using Preserve's Gimme Five program <http://www.preserveproducts.com/gimme5/index.html>.

Styrofoam is Dow Chemical's trademarked name for the most common **PS or #6 PLASTIC**, expanded polystyrene foam. While most curb-side recycling will not accept this, head to <http://www.epspackaging.org/info.html> to learn about drop-off or mailing programs in your area.

Most **SCREW-TOP BOTTLE CAPS** are #5 plastic, even if their corresponding bottle is not. You should always remove the cap before recycling the bottle and take them to your local Aveda store, which will accept them.
<http://aveda.veda.com/aboutaveda/caps.asp>.

If the can is empty (and it MUST be empty!), you can recycle **AEROSOL CANS** at most every local recycling location.

AUTOMOTIVE WASTE. Everyone knows that its best to walk or ride a bike rather than drive, but did you know that the environmental impact of automobiles goes far beyond emissions? Proper disposal of auto fuel, liquids, and parts is critical. AutoZone and Advance Auto Parts stores accept car batteries for recycling, and most parts stores accept used motor oil and other liquids.

ELECTRONICS. E-waste can be extremely hard on the environment. The best route is to donate or sell old electronics, but if your laptop has bit the dust, there are ways to recycle. Most manufacturers, including Sony, Apple, Dell, and Verizon, will take your used electronics free of charge. Staples and Best Buy also have great programs.

Rechargeable **BATTERIES** are the best way to go, but if you have the disposable kind, they CAN be recycled! Head to www.batteryrecycling.com to mail in your old batteries. If your rechargeable batteries need to be recycled, you can take them to most Home Depot, Office Depot, Staples and Best Buy stores.



GREEN GOODIES

► **WRAP-N-MAT** (\$7.49-\$8.99). Reusable, easy-to-clean food and sandwich wraps that replace plastic baggies, aluminum foil and plastic wrap. (www.wrap-n-mat.com)

► **ALADDIN'S RECYCLED AND RECYCLABLE 16 OZ. MUG** (\$9.99). Made from 100 percent recycled materials, this mug is microwave- and dishwasher-safe and is ear-eup friendly. (www.aladdin-pmi.com). Also available at Target, Wal-Mart, Publix, K-Mart, Office Depot and Rite-Aid.

► **ENVIROSAX** (\$7.95-\$24.95). EnviroSax reusable shopping bags make the green lifestyle look really good. Available in lightweight, waterproof polyester (\$7.95-\$8.50) or organic cotton, bamboo, linen, or hemp (\$24.95), EnviroSax offers more than 100 colors and designs to match your personality. (www.envirosax.com)

► **SEVENTH GENERATION NATURAL 2X CONCENTRATED LAUNDRY LIQUID** (Available in 32 oz, 50 oz., and 100 oz bottles). Seventh Generation claims its "ingredient combination is non-toxic, non-irritating, hypoallergenic, biodegradable alternative to conventional petroleum-based detergents." Available at many grocery stores and retail outlets.

► **BUILT'S GOURMET GETAWAY NEOPRENE LUNCH TOTES** (\$22-\$25). Made with Neoprene (the stuff wetsuits are made of), this stain-resistant, machine-washable lunch bag will last through anything and keeps your food and drink cold for four hours. Plus, the fun design and colorful patterns will steer you clear of the not-so-environmentally-friendly and not-so-cute paper and plastic bags. (www.builttny.com)

► **SMART SOLAR'S SENTINELLA** set of six copper-finished PIR bollard lights. These decorative solar-powered, motion-sensor lights are perfect for lining sidewalks and driveways and require no wiring or operating costs. Available through garden centers and online retailers.

► **ECOCRAFT: RECYCLE, RECREATE, RESTYLE** (\$24.95). In her book, Susan Wasinger provides easy, green, DIY craft projects to make your home more beautiful and your lifestyle more sustainable. Available at Amazon.com.



GREEN GODDESSES

EPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER at **WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON** recently received its own facility on Washington & Jefferson's campus. The chapter is striving to achieve "greener" practices, such as placing recycling containers for plastic and aluminum throughout the chapter facility. The members are reducing their consumption of paper products by using dish cloths and sponges instead of paper towels to clean. Goals for the upcoming year include a Street Sweep to improve sustainability beyond the chapter house.

WYNNIE LONG, DELTA CHI/VIRGINIA, designed a class called Environmental Footprints, which was set up to teach people how to lead more sustainable lives. The class project was to make an informative website to help other Virginia students reduce their carbon footprint. Throughout the semester the class went on a field trip to a farm, a recycling center, and a new development and also did a Grocery Store Challenge to compare prices of local, organic, and regular foods.

The **GAMMA PI CHAPTER** at **IOWA STATE** owes much of its sustainability practices to **LIBBY SCHREINER, VICTORIA MILLEN, and ASHLEY BOAL**. Schreiner established the chapter officer position of recycling chairman and got the chapter members excited about going green. Millen succeeded Schreiner in the recycling chairman position and provided a recycling fact at every chapter meeting, which really motivates the chapter to recycle. She further ensured that every floor had separate bins for glass and plastic items and sorted through the bins every week.

Boal assisted in implementing duplex printing by chapter members. She also established two boxes: one to recycle paper and another to collect and reuse computer paper. She encouraged the chapter to switch from using paper towels in the bathrooms to using cloth towels, to turn off lights as much as possible, and to turn off the TV and unplug appliances when not in use. With motivation from these members, the chapter also began send-

ing electronic newsletters to alumnae, rather than printed mailers. Members also stopped using Styrofoam glasses, plates, and bowls and disposable utensils and made the switch to ceramic cups, glasses, and silverware.

The **ZETA OMEGA CHAPTER** at **LOYOLA MARYMOUNT** has begun efforts to keep the chapter and campus community as green as possible. The executive board opted for a "paperless" route during chapter meetings. Instead of handing out individual copies of the agenda, they now display the agenda on a projector so the members can copy down information as needed. Additionally, calendar events are displayed on their e-mail account calendar, as well as the newly updated website. Members of the chapter also partake in a beach clean-up service activity monthly.

In 2008, the **DELTA THETA CHAPTER** won Greeks Going Green, a competition at the **UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA** in which Greek organizations compete in implementing the most eco-friendly changes and being the "greenest" house. Green efforts began in 2007 with the creation of the sustainability chairman position. At that time, cardboard recycling was already in use and paper/aluminum/plastic recycling was started. Since then, more than half of the members have pledged not to use Styrofoam products. The chapter voted unanimously to remove the Styrofoam containers offered at lunch; the chapter also began using compact fluorescent light bulbs.

To extend their efforts beyond their facility, Delta Theta Chapter members helped make sorority row recycling possible by working with Greeks Going Green. Originally the university wouldn't pick up Delta Theta Chapter's recycling because it was off fraternity and sorority row; the chapter's sustainability chairman worked with the UF physical plant to change this policy. Finally, the chapter hosted a member of Florida's Office of Sustainability at the chapter facility for an educational meeting about how to be more sustainable in daily life. ♦



LEFT 1964-65 TRAVELING SECRETARIES DIANE PARTRIDGE MCDEVITT, BΣ/SMU AND SUZANNE SAVITZ WHITACRE, AΣ/WASHINGTON STATE, AT ΔΔ/UTAH. ABOVE, 1987-88 CHAPTER CONSULTANTS AT THETA HEADQUARTERS.

ELC PROGRAM CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

BY JENNI BROUGHTON, Γ/BUTLER

In 1959, the first transcontinental commercial jet flew from Los Angeles to New York City; the Barbie doll went on sale; Alaska and Hawaii became the forty-ninth and fiftieth state, respectively; and the Kappa Alpha Theta Educational Leadership Consultant program began. Since that time, 341 women have served the Fraternity in this capacity. Over the past 50 years, the program has been known by several names, including traveling secretary, traveling consultant, resident counselors, chapter consultant, and now educational leadership consultants.

"In 1959, I had the privilege of becoming Theta's first field secretary," remembers Lou Cowan Bell, Beta Beta/Randolph Macon Women's College. "My travels took me to several cities across the US. Among them were New Orleans; Stockton, Calif.; and Winter Park, Fla. My most vivid memories are of the girls I visited. It was a joy to get to know those wonderful women and to have a glimpse of who they would become."

The 2009-10 ELCs hit the road on August 8. Many things have changed since the program began. Florence Ashby, Beta Nu/Florida State, the first traveling consultant to travel a full year recalls, "I had no training. I was sent a box of manuals and told to read them. I visited 36 chapters, writing a report on each chapter using carbon paper and a borrowed portable typewriter. I carried a hard copy of every manual and arrived at each chapter wearing a suit, hat, heels, and gloves. I traveled all over the country, earning \$75 per month, and considered myself the most fortunate of Thetas!"

Prior to traveling, today's ELCs spend four weeks at Fraternity headquarters undergoing comprehensive training. They travel with a Blackberry, cell phone, digital camera, laptop, wireless Internet card, and electronic versions of all of the manuals, and they correspond and submit reports via e-mail. They dress in business casual and earn a salary comparable to most starting jobs.

Although times and technology and travel requirements have changed, the stories and memories are still very much the same. Recently, all former ELCs were asked to submit stories and photographs to reflect on the past 50 years of the program. There are stories of traveling the country, experiencing natural disasters, working with chapter members, visiting Bettie Locke Hamilton's gravesite, meeting alumnae from across the country, making new friends, starting new chapters, reuniting with fellow consultants and how their year or two (sometimes three) of traveling as a consultant for Theta changed their lives and prepared them for their future careers.

The Theta house at the University of Utah was still being renovated when Karen Felte, the other

"colonizer" for the new chapter, and I moved in. The kitchen was not completed and we spent

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an ELC!*

See details on page 15.

For memoirs and photos from 50 years of the ELC program, visit
[www.kappaalphatheta.org/
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ELC_Program.cfm](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/colliegians/programs/ELC_Program.cfm)

the first three months cooking over a hotplate, with an electric coffee pot and a small refrigerator, along with a card table and four folding chairs, in what was to be the cloakroom. We inherited 17 pledges, which Salt Lake City alumnae had chosen in the spring. We managed to pull off a fall recruitment and got 25 more new members. That first year ended with a very impressive initiation and installation of the chapter by the national officers.

—Angela Peckham Hewett, N/Hanover ('colonizer,' 1964-65)

My year as a traveling secretary was wonderful in so many ways. Even though I toted around tons of paper, wrote reports on a typewriter with carbon paper, and on occasion encountered a few less-than-enthusiastic chapter members, I loved every minute of it. The chapters were so varied, and at each location I found sisters who shared so much of themselves. I learned a great deal about myself—my strengths and my weaknesses, how I could manage myself and relate to others. All in all, it was one of the best times in my life.

—Claudia Hansen Meiling, GT/Tulsa ('traveling secretary,' 1968-69)

I was what was then called a traveling secretary in 1971-72. During training at Purdue University, I met another traveling secretary, Kathy Murphy from Arizona State. We hit it off instantly and managed to meet in a few airports for a catch-up lunch or dinner several times during our traveling year when our schedules intersected.

In the 37 years since we put away our traveling kites, we have developed a special friendship, sharing birthday and holiday greetings and phone calls (now e-mails) and have treasured the opportunities to catch up in person. Theta is indeed for a lifetime!

—Michelle Trahan, A/Vermont ('traveling secretary,' 1971-1972)

I traveled for Theta during the academic year of 1976-77. In summary, that year shaped my life and my future. As a result of visiting 28 very diverse universities and colleges, meeting with many administrators, and having all kinds of wonderful and challenging experiences, I decided to pursue higher education administration in graduate school.

Being an ELC was hard, fun, and enlightening. It was a year full of all sorts of personal and professional challenges, as every chapter was different and presented new situations to address.

I came away from the experience a much stronger woman with a deeper love for Theta and all of her wonderful ideals. I have been fortunate to have two daughters who also pledged Theta and have enjoyed their affiliation, and I continue to stay in touch with many Thetas all over the nation.

—Sabey Pingree Grange, BE/Oregon State ('traveling secretary,' 1976-1977)

I used to snicker at the "Theta for a Lifetime" slogan on the front of my pledge book. But now (since being a Theta consultant) I get it. I since have served in advisory capacities in Oklahoma and Boston and unabashedly sing Theta songs to my

young daughter, whom I hope follows in my footsteps one day. I always will remember and hold dear my "TC" experience.

—Paula Burkes, BZ/Oklahoma State ('traveling consultant,' 1981-82)

From east coast to west coast and everywhere in-between, I saw the USA. I learned how to be truly alone and enjoy it. I got over my mother's death and a broken heart. I grew up, I met wonderful folks, and hopefully I made a difference to the Thetas I worked with. Thanks to those who gave me the opportunity. It was such a great year!

—Vicki Hess, ΔΘ/Florida ('traveling consultant' 1981 – 1982)

I had a wonderful time as an ELC during 1992-93. I flew coast to coast several times, witnessed the chapter installation at Harvard, and also visited Yale, Princeton, Stanford and many other beautiful campuses. The first chapter I visited stands out the most in my memory and had me thinking, What have I gotten myself into? When I arrived at this Southern chapter (names withheld to protect the innocent), they were having a chapter retreat to prepare for recruitment. So, I spent my first night as an ELC in a cabin in the woods. Things were tense because the Theta chapter was worried about not making quota. But they did make quota, and the chapter was so excited on Bid Day that they threw me in a pool!

—Piper Edmonson Williamson, ΓΨ/TCU (ELC 1992-1993)

My year as an ELC provided personal growth, a broad view of the fraternity, lifelong memories, and lifetime friends. During an interview process recently, my interviewer was more interested in my unique experience as an ELC nine years ago rather than what I considered more relevant, recent experience. Traveling as an ELC is certainly incomparable and invaluable. I still keep in touch with the ladies I traveled with; in fact, we are planning a reunion this fall.

—Vanessa Haynes Bush, ΔΘ/Florida (ELC 2000-2001)

Ever since my first ELC trip, I've had an extreme affinity for airports. I love them. Airports always represented my opportunity to relax and recharge. To this day, I still don't mind long layovers (especially when there is a Chili's Too!). A good airport always made up for a not-so-good chapter visit!

—Melissa Shaub, AΣ/Washington State (ELC 2002-2004)

Becoming an ELC was one of the most valuable decisions I have ever made. My experience left me with the most unique knowledge and understanding of our world. From traveling to all four corners of the United States, to meeting new best friends, to learning professionalism and standards, and experiencing new customs; the ELC position encompassed it all. Our ELC program is, without a doubt, world-class. Giving back never seemed so easy.

—Linda Chen, ΗΛ/- (ELC 2007-2009)



ELCs work hard, but they also have time for fun. From top: a skit at Grand Convention 1970; Edie Beier Bell, BT/Colorado State (1978-79); Paula Burkes, BZ/Oklahoma State (1981-82) at the Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Miami; 1995-96 consultants at the gravesite of Bettie Locke Hamilton in Greencastle, Ind.; 2008-09 consultants at the Gamma Chapter at Butler.

MEET THE 2009 - 2010 ELCS:

*denotes second-year ELC

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ELC Assignment: Traveling

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ELC Assignment: Traveling

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ELC Assignment: Traveling

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ELC Assignment: Traveling

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What do you want to do when you are done working for Theta: Pursue my master's degree in higher education/student affairs and be a fraternity/sorority life advisor.
ELC Assignment: Traveling

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What do you want to do when you are done working for Theta: Move to Seattle and work for a non-profit and advise a Theta chapter!
ELC Assignment: Traveling

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What do you want to do when you are done working for Theta: Go back to school and earn my MBA.
ELC Assignment: Providing continuous support to Gamma Omega/Auburn

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ELC Assignment: Traveling

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What do you want to do when you are done working for Theta: I'm not quite sure yet! Maybe something in human relations, event planning, or marketing.
ELC Assignment: Providing continuous support to Gamma Omega/Auburn

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN APPLYING TO BE AN ELC FOR THE 2010 - 2011 ACADEMIC YEAR?

Applications will be available on the Kappa Alpha Theta website mid-September. Contact Jenni Broughton, Gamma/Butler, assistant director of chapter services, at jbroughton@kappaalphatheta.org with questions or to request additional information.





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Online registration will be available February 15.



FREQUENTLY ASKED CONVENTION QUESTIONS

WHERE AND WHEN IS GRAND CONVENTION?

Grand Convention 2010 will be held at the JW Marriott Starr Pass in Tucson, Ariz., from Wednesday, June 23, to Sunday, June 27.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND CONVENTION?

COLLEGE CHAPTER DELEGATE

There is ONE college chapter delegate per chapter. Each chapter president must attend as the voting chapter delegate unless permission is received from Fraternity Vice-President Amy Kates (FraternityVPCol@KappaAlphaTheta.org) to send another chapter member in her place. If your college chapter is sending an alternate as the delegate, she must be registered by April 15, 2010.

ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELEGATE

Each alumnae chapter is encouraged to send ONE voting delegate to Grand Convention. All alumnae voting delegates must be registered as the Alumnae delegate by April 15, 2010, in order to be seated and have a vote at Convention business sessions.

NON-DELEGATES

All college chapter or alumnae members are encouraged and welcome to attend Grand Convention.

WILL THERE BE ANY TIME TO SIGHTSEE?

Free time is scheduled for Friday (June 25) afternoon. More information on options for afternoon will be available at www.kappaalphatheta.org on February 15.

WHEN AND HOW CAN I REGISTER? WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

Registration will be available on the Kappa Alpha Theta website beginning February 15. Registration ends April 15 for delegates and May 15 for non-delegates. There will be a \$75 late fee for registrations between April 15 and May 1 for delegates and May 1 and 15 for non-delegates.

WHEN AND HOW DO I NEED TO MAKE MY FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS?

Instructions for flight arrangements and ground transportation will be included with the registration information, which will be available at www.kappaalphatheta.org on February 15.

OTHER QUESTIONS?

For general Convention questions, contact Bonnie Brown, events director (bbrown@kappaalphatheta.org). For questions regarding registration, contact Chris Finley, Convention registration coordinator (cfinley@kappaalphatheta.org). ♦

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

Welcome Dinner
District Meetings

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Nikè
Business Sessions
Foundation Luncheon
College Chapter Awards
Banquet

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Business Session
Memorial Service
College Sessions
Alumnae Sessions
Free Afternoon
Fun Night

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Business Sessions
Election of Grand Council
Alumnae Chapter College
Sessions
Alumnae Sessions
Banquet Procession
Final Banquet



ANYTHING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

IN TANZANIA, THETA ALEX SCHAEERRER FOLLOWS HER PASSION

BY LEA KEEL HOLLAND, ΖΩ/AUBURN

While Alexandra Schaerrer was growing up in Zurich, Switzerland, she lived less than two hours away from the horrors of the ethno-nationalist conflict in Yugoslavia. "We had one or two refugee children join our class, and it just blew my mind that while I was in this carefree existence, there were girls my age suffering from unspeakable crimes," said Schaerrer, Zeta Iota/Washington and Lee.

When Schaerrer became friends with one of the refugee girls, she learned things that have stuck with her. She vowed to do something, "... anything to make a difference."

FINDING A PLACE

Schaerrer has fulfilled that vow and is now the marketing coordinator for the School of St. Jude in Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa. The school, founded by Australian Gemma Rice Sisia in 2002, comprises about 1,200 of the brightest and poorest children in Tanzania. Each student has a sponsor who covers the cost of tuition, books, uniform, stationery, transportation, excursions, and meals.

The students are chosen based on a rigorous testing process and then are subjected to thorough poverty checks. This is followed by a probationary period when the child's attitude and that of his family is assessed, since this opportunity must be appreciated by all involved.

Schaerrer originally thought she wanted to attend law school, but after working for a law firm in Washington, DC, for a year, she changed her mind. "I got a bit of insight into how pro-bono cases were taken on, how when they lost their political salience, they were stuffed in the back drawer," she says. She instead returned to Zurich to pursue her master's degree.

She discovered the School of St. Jude while researching her master's thesis, which focused on political economics and ethno-nationalist conflicts. "One of the main countries I was focusing on was Tanzania," she says. "My father decided it would be great for me to go to Tanzania while I was doing my research so I could really see and feel what I was studying."

She and her family visited Tanzania in December 2007 for three

"The School of St. Jude has my heart," says Alex Schaerrer, ΖΩ/Washington and Lee.



Want more? Visit the
School of St. Jude's website,
<http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz>



Every day, the staff and students of St. Jude's work hard to fulfill the school's philosophy of fighting poverty through education.

weeks. "When I went back to Zurich, I knew that once I finished my masters, I wanted to put my money where my mouth is. Not just talk about making a difference, but actually really get up, leave behind my cushy lifestyle, and get my hands dirty."

As marketing coordinator, her duties don't just include developing new marketing ideas such as CDs, PowerPoint presentations, and DVDs to grab some attention for the school. Schaerrer started out doing everything that needed to be done. "[Founders] Gemma and Kim run a very no-nonsense operation. Everyone has to carry their weight, and most of all, you have to prove yourself worthy to be at St. Jude's," Schaerrer says. "Perhaps most people would think that moving to a new continent, leaving friends and family and working for barely enough money to cover your food bills is enough of a test to show that you are serious."

"But Gemma and Kim want more, and rightly so."

MAKING IT WORK

Her duties include taking children to the hospital for tests, participating in testing, and house checks. "St. Jude's takes only the very poorest, but very brightest students," she explained. "We wish that we could take all, but with limited resources, we always have to make tough decisions, and so we take the children with the least support but the most natural aptitude."

Schaerrer has spent days driving around Arusha, visiting schools to make sure the children St. Jude's accepts are who they say they are and that they live where they say they live. "Our weekends are spent in the slums and bush of Arusha, visiting every home of the children (and this is usually six or seven visits in a day), with a team that consists of one Western staff member and two local staff members," she said. "We also talk to the village elder or chief to get a history of conduct about the family, and make detailed files on every single child that will be discussed and reviewed so that the most deserving children can get a spot and a chance for a better life."

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"AS WE DO NOT TAKE PAYING STUDENTS AND ARE 100 PERCENT A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, WE RELY ON PEOPLE'S GOOD WILL AND GENEROSITY TO KEEP FIGHTING FOR THESE CHILDREN."

In her role as marketing coordinator, Schaerrer supports the "Friends" of St. Jude's. These are members of a program who pledge to raise awareness for the school. Schaerrer supports their efforts and helps them come up with new ideas to promote the school and to get information about the school into the media.

"With less than 50 percent of children finishing basic primary education, and only three percent of children finishing secondary schooling, the casualties of the Tanzanian education system far outweigh the success stories."

And with the current worldwide economic situation, St. Jude's donations are down and sponsors are dropping out. Of the current 1,150 students, Schaerrer said 300 are lacking any form of sponsorship. "Not only that, but running costs exist that are not covered by sponsorship money. As we do not take paying students and are 100 percent a nonprofit organization, we rely on people's good will and generosity to keep fighting for these children."

The information she gathered while studying for her master's degree helped ease the culture shock of moving from America to Tanzania.

"The culture shock came more slowly, progressively," Schaerrer said. "At some point you realize that you cannot simply make excuses. Some things are too different, and you cannot hope to understand it."

Abuse of children and women, even dogs, and lying and stealing seem a common part of culture in Tanzania. A book written by St. Jude's founder, Gemma Rice Sisia, helped Schaerrer gain perspective on her own struggles being new in Tanzania. "In the end, it is up to us to understand, though not endorse this mentality, as frustrating and repulsive as it is at times, and make sure that we have checks and balances in place so we do not get taken advantage of. Learning this and having to adapt to it is still a trial, and a bit of an ongoing culture shock."

THETA ROOTS

Schaerrer's journey to Tanzania may have begun when she worked with a local school's Head Start program while attending Washington and Lee.

Though she initially thought "Greek housing" was boarding for international students, being in a sorority helped her meet new friends. She



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grew to quickly love the sisterhood of Kappa Alpha Theta and held the spirit chairman position while in school. She spent time making banners and surprises for birthdays, but she also found time to participate in projects that needed help.

"Head Start is designed to give children from the lowest socioeconomic income bracket a boost into education," she explained. "It is free for children who qualify, allowing us to feed, teach, play with, and love these kids, while the parents have the opportunity to work. It was a wonderful thing to pay attention to these little ones, as they obviously craved it." Many of the children came from unstable, neglected or violent homes.

Schaerrer spent five to six hours a week working with Head Start. Chapter members were required to work a certain number of community service hours, and opportunities would be presented at chapter meetings. Schaerrer and her sisters would motivate one another to participate in these programs.

"Theta molded us into conscientious young women, who did not always have everything—

or even much—in common, but who got to learn from each other and expand our own interests to incorporate those of our sisters," she said.

Her time at St. Jude's has had such an impact that she has no plans to move on any time soon, not even to start a school of her own. "It has crossed my mind," Schaerrer said, smiling. "But I would rather keep my promise to these children and help St. Jude's survive the economic crises and see our first class go to university and become strong and moral leaders before I break off to start another St. Jude's or go someplace else."

Schaerrer is providing help and marketing advice to other educational projects, such as the Momella Foundation in Arusha and the Maluane Conservation in Mozambique. "St. Jude's has my heart, but any organization that is helping educate children; build schools; build homes, hospitals, orphanages and community centers is fighting poverty through education," she said. "I am just happy to keep doing my part." ♦

Clockwise from top left: Schaerrer helps conduct home visits to prospective students' families; the St. Jude's community includes almost 1,200 students, 130 teachers, and 200 staff; colorful buses transport students to school, safely and on time; St. Jude's students learn to speak English fluently; unlike other Tanzanian schools, St. Jude's has a library, computer lab, and full-time nurse.

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING AN ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC?

- A wider circle of friends.
- The ability to network and tap into job opportunities and social events.
- Greater confidence by mentoring/been mentored by colleagues and peers.
- An increased awareness of issues that affect women.
- The chance to increase national awareness of our Fraternity.
- Maintaining your connection with Greek life.
- A chance to help college chapters with recruitment.
- The distinction of being one of more than 5,000 passionate women who are creating opportunities for young women to reach their potential.

IS THERE PANHELLENIC LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?

ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATIONS PROMOTE GREEK LIFE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

Being a Theta—whether in college or out of school—means being part of a network that stretches around the globe. After college, Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapters continue to offer the support and friendship of Theta sisterhood. In addition to joining an alumnae chapter, you may also want to become part of your local Alumnae Panhellenic Association (APH).

Joining an alumnae Panhellenic gives fraternity women the chance to come together and promote the advantages of joining a women's fraternity. Members of APH groups work together toward common goals to make a difference in their communities.

WHO CAN JOIN AN ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC?

Any alumna member of one of the 26 women's fraternities that are part of the National Panhellenic Conference. You don't need to belong to a Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapter to join an APH.

WHERE ARE ALUMNAE PANHELLENICS LOCATED?

More than 200 associations exist in the US, Canada, and the United Kingdom. Find an association in your area or learn how to start one by visiting the alumnae Panhellenic section of www.npewomen.org.

WHAT DO ALUMNAE PANHELLENICS DO?

Associations make significant contributions to universities and their communities through philanthropic events, community service activities, and information forums. For example, the Atlanta APH sponsors a recruitment roundtable to educate young women about Greek life and how membership leads to personal growth and excellence. Nearly 300 young women and their parents attend this annual event.

Raising money for scholarships continues to be a significant service provided by alumnae Panhellenic groups. Collectively, \$435,000 was raised last year and granted in scholarship to 580 deserving women. Here are just a few of the fun, creative ways alumnae Panhellenics raised money to help young women further their education.

- Colorado Springs, Colo., alumnae raised scholarship dollars through their Poinsettias for Scholarships sale and an American Girl Fashion Show and Tea.
- Clear Lake, Texas, alumnae held a Divas Day Out style show and luncheon, raising nearly \$25,000 in scholarship money.
- Houston, Texas, alumnae raised hundreds of dollars by producing and selling a cookbook. ♦

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT JOINING YOUR LOCAL ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION OR BEING A FOUNDER OF A NEW APH, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA'S NPC DELEGATION.

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OUR MAGAZINE NAMEPLATE HAS CHANGED... AGAIN AND AGAIN!

BY MARY EDITH ESTES ARNOLD,
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"ADVANCE...RETREAT...STATUS QUO. RESPECT CUSTOM?... EMBRACE CHANGE?..."

WHAT IS YOUR VERDICT?"

These are the words long-time editor L. Pearle Green chose as she introduced a new nameplate and magazine design to readers of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* in 1947. Of course, it wasn't the first (or last!) change for our publication, which was first called *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*. With its incredible longevity—crossing the boundaries of centuries—it's only logical that many changes occurred over time.

In 1885, the first issue was wrapped in solid black, embellished with a minimal nameplate stating its name, Kappa Alpha Theta. Nothing else. It was a perfectly appropriate 19th century design for women working to be taken seriously as equals in the college and university world.

Solid black held sway until the gay nineties and the art nouveau era. Then a lively japonesque masthead was introduced, filling the cover. The first generation of coeds had earned our place in the academic world. But physicians and other experts were still predicting education would cost women their health, social skills, marriage, and family life. The task for second-generation coeds was to prove the naysayers wrong, that having an education didn't mean they weren't womanly or weren't capable of having fun. The new nameplate was designed to reflect a more feminine aspect.

As the Fraternity experiences of our sisters evolved over decades, our magazine's appearance and content did, also. In time, artwork and photography graced the covers.

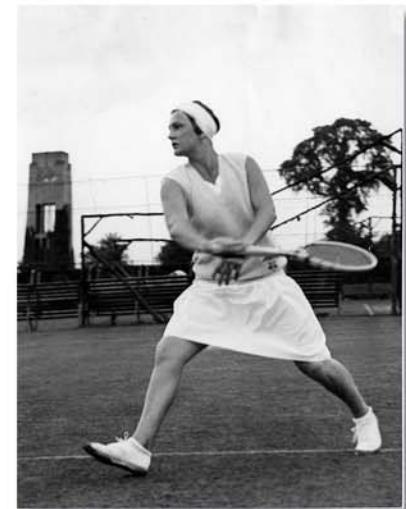
Nameplates shrank to make room. In 1947, the nameplate selected by L. Pearle incorporated a new name: *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*. In this case, the nameplate itself was catching up with practice. We had already been informally referring to the publication as *The Magazine*—rather than the *Journal* or *quarterly*—for decades.

So, the world keeps spinning. It changes, we change, fashion changes, and, therefore, our publications change to be relevant. Our editors and designers see to that, whether they be named Agnes, L. Pearle, or Mary Margaret; Jane, Susan or Sue. Change is good. They all thought so. Liz thinks so. What's your verdict? ☺

ITEM OF INTEREST:

Works arising from the transfer of principles of Japanese art to Western art, especially by French artists, are called *japonesque*. In the mid to late nineteenth century, Japanese wood-block prints became a source of inspiration for many Western artists and greatly influenced the art nouveau and cubism styles. Artists were especially affected by the lack of perspective and shadow, the flat areas of strong color, and the compositional freedom in placing the subject off-center. This trend involved the adoption of Japanese elements or style across all the applied arts, including the graphic design of *The Magazine's* nameplate that was introduced in 1890. The black on buff cover, featured in the right-hand corner below, features that *japonesque* nameplate.





Helen Hull Jacobs, Ω/UC Berkeley

KAPPA ALPHA THETA'S TRUE PROMISE IS A VOW, A TWO-WAY PLEDGE BETWEEN THE FRATERNITY AND EACH OF HER MEMBERS. IT IS UP TO EACH THETA TO DISCOVER AND FULFILL THE PROMISE WITHIN HERSELF. SO, TOO, IS IT UP TO EACH THETA TO DETERMINE WHAT THE FRATERNITY WILL MEAN TO HER AND HOW HER MEMBERSHIP WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HER LIFE.

HOW WILL YOU LIVE OUT YOUR **TRUE PROMISE?**

HELEN HULL JACOBS, OMEGA/UC BERKELEY, IS A KAPPA ALPHA THETA WOMAN OF TRUE PROMISE.

Jacobs, wasn't much for convention. Although she was the first to rank first in the women's top ten tennis players four years in a row (1932-1935) and the first to claim female athlete of the year in 1933, Jacobs was perhaps most notoriously known for another first. In 1932, she was first woman to break with tradition and wear man-tailored shorts at Wimbledon.

Jacobs would cap off her championship years with a win at Wimbledon in 1936. Despite lack-

ing the stature and physical power of many of her adversaries, Jacobs's tenacity and mental determination to win earned the respect of her peers, while her sportsmanship and unwavering self-confidence made her a favorite among tennis fans.

As an alumna, Jacobs exemplified True Promise by refusing to conform to the standards others had set for her to fulfill her social, intellectual, and moral growth. How will you live out your True Promise? ♦

Tennis is a tantalizing game because it is a test of willpower, disposition, and courage.

JUDY CHAITBERGER CABRERA

A THETA OF NOTE

JUDY SCHAITBERGER CABRERA, BETA KAPPA/DRAKE, IS FACILITY DIRECTOR (WHAT MANY THETAS USED TO CALL "HOUSE MOM") OF THE OMICRON CHAPTER AT USC. AT GRAND CONVENTION 2008, CABRERA RECEIVED THE CLEMENTINE ALLEN FACILITY DIRECTOR'S AWARD AS THE TOP FACILITY DIRECTOR IN THE US AND CANADA. HER 40 YEARS AS AN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL EXECUTIVE IN SPAIN, MEXICO, AND THE CARIBBEAN AND TEN YEARS AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF MARKETING AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE DISNEYLAND RESORT IN CALIFORNIA PREPARED HER WELL FOR HER NEW "RETIREMENT" POSITION. AT THE SPRING USC GREEK AWARDS CEREMONY, JUDY WAS PRESENTED WITH THE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI LEADERSHIP AWARD.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE WORD?

I love the word *possibility*. Anything is possible with faith, perseverance, and a strong belief you can do it.

WHAT'S YOUR LEAST FAVORITE WORD?

One of the most negative words to me is *can't*. It stops one from exploring new possibilities. Having an "I can" attitude and a willingness to take action opens up a world of opportunities, growth, and development.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY ON A RAINY DAY?

I love going through family pictures and reminiscing on spectacular memories, incredible travel journeys and bodacious adventures throughout my life. Scrapbooking is a new hobby for me.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY?

Serving as choreographer and director of Theta's skit with the Sig Eps in Drake's famous "Bulldog Tales" talent show allowed me to really get to know my Greek sisters and brothers in a fun-filled environment during two months of rehearsals.

TELL US SOMETHING WE PROBABLY DON'T KNOW OR CAN'T REMEMBER ABOUT LIVING IN A THETA FACILITY.

Theta life teaches young women respect and courtesy. The tradition of the girls greeting the house mother when they enter chapter dinner and excusing themselves to her when they are

late to dinner puts a proud smile on my face.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

My family lake home in northern Minnesota. I helped my dad build it and have spent more than 64 summers enjoying family, friends and fun there. It's a legacy for my future grandchildren.

LOOKING AT ME, NO ONE WOULD GUESS ...

... that I am nearly 70 years old, especially as they see me bike across campus or perform on the dance floor.

WHAT TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

As a tap and jazz dancer and later a ballroom dance enthusiast, I love music and have always wanted to sing. Music fills my heart with joy and to express myself with a beautiful singing voice would be awesome.

WHAT PROFESSION OTHER THAN YOURS WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEMPT?

Life coach. As an advisor, counselor, and mentor to a chapter of 230 Thetas and 65 residents in the chapter house, I am currently getting certified as a career and life coach and get to practice daily.

WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS?

Authenticity and loyalty. We can say anything to or hear anything from each other. I know they are always there for me when I need them. ☺



"I'd love to get back in touch with many of my Drake sisters!"

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A PIONEER FOR WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL GOLF

BY DANA GROSS-RHODE, AP/SOUTH DAKOTA

THE LPGA TEACHING AND CLUB PROFESSIONALS (T&CP)—THE TEACHING COUNTERPART TO THE LPGA TOUR—CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. LEADING THE CHARGE IN 1959 TO ESTABLISH WHAT IS NOW A 1,200-STRONG MEMBERSHIP WAS LPGA T&CP HALL OF FAME AND WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE MARILYN "SMITTY" SMITH. SMITH JOINED THE KAPPA CHAPTER AT KANSAS DURING HER FRESHMAN YEAR AND STILL LOOKS BACK ON HER THETA EXPERIENCES FONDLY.



July 1952: Smith, a 21-time winner on the LPGA Tour between 1954-72, tees it up at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pa., which was the site of the 2009 U.S. Women's Open.

"Theta impressed me. They encouraged us to pursue excellence in academics, etiquette, and involvement in different campus activities," said Smith, who served as the Panhellenic Council representative her freshman year and as president of her sophomore class. "The friendships you make carry you through forever and are an important part of your growth. Lorraine 'Larry' Ross Thiessen and I were roommates and shared the cracker box (the smallest room in the house). We remain close friends today. She was very supportive of my golf."

Yet even the support of her sisters did not change the fact that there was no women's golf team at Kansas in the 1940s, nor was there any funding for Smith's golfing pursuits. With her father's support, she competed in and won the 1949 National Inter-Collegiate Golf Tournament. She was offered a position with Spalding to tour the country as a golf professional promoting the game and giving golf clinics.

In 1950, Smith was one of 13 women who founded the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) during the US Women's Open, which was held in her hometown of Wichita, Kan.

"We had just 13 events in 1950, so my primary job with Spalding was to conduct golf clinics and promote the game," said Smith, who has given more than 4,000 golf clinics around the world. "Our travels included drives such as Spokane to Waterloo, Iowa, which is 1,600 miles. When we arrived, we'd have to find a place to stay, get our hair done, go to the Laundromat, maybe speak at a Kiwanis luncheon, be on a radio show—anything to get the public out to see us. What I enjoyed most was going to the major league ball parks and hitting golf balls from home plate to center field, then getting on the microphone and asking the fans to come out to the LPGA tournament."

Smith—who is considered one of golf's greatest goodwill ambassadors—earned 21 LPGA Tour victories and served as LPGA President from 1958-60. The first attempt at starting the

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FAVORITE THETA MEMORIES

- ▶ "Etiquette was very important."
- ▶ "We had study hall until 9 p.m. every night."
- ▶ "Our biggest rivals in sports were the Kappas. There was one gal who was a great pitcher, and I remember hitting four home runs off her. We remained close friends."

My niece passed away last year, and I joined a grief-to-hope support group. The other day I read First Corinthians 13. It was a favorite of mine in the Bible."



**BY ROBIN WENNEKER,
AM/MISSOURI**

Top left: US Senator Claire McCaskill, '72, delivered the centennial keynote address. Top right: Julie Morrison Mayer, '47, and Mary Lou Ownby Anson, '44, enjoyed 1940s composites. Left: Collegians and alumnae enjoyed sharing their respective Alpha Mu stories.

A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

More than 560 Thetas from across the continent gathered to celebrate A Century of Excellence—the centennial reunion of the Alpha Mu Chapter at the University of Missouri.

An opening night reception on Friday, April 23, featured Axie Anderson Hindman, 1957, the first lady of the city of Columbia. Her welcoming address included the latest in Columbia and campus news.

Saturday began with tours of the chapter facility hosted by Alpha Mu collegians. Alumnae enjoyed looking at Theta life today, as well as taking a walk down memory lane via old chapter composites. The collegians had selected a different aspect of college life to serve as themes in the main rooms of the facility. By talking about campus activities, recruitment, chapter life, and scholarship, alumnae learned more about current Theta life. They were also able to share with the collegians their own stories about Theta life in the different decades. Collegians were excited to meet a former Miss Missouri, a designer for a popular baby clothing line, or an alumna from a city to which they were hoping to move when graduating.

The day continued with decade lunches around Columbia; these gave each generation the chance to catch up with friends. Different groups reported singing recruitment songs, looking

through old scrapbooks, and taking post-lunch excursions to popular hangouts in town.

The weekend culminated with a gala expertly led by Emmy-award-winning reporter and mistress of ceremonies Betsey Barnette Bruce, 1967. The first lady of Missouri, Georganne Wheeler Nixon, 1973, delivered the welcome. Mary Edith Estes Arnold, 1960, Fraternity archivist, presented a centennial plaque from Grand Council to the Chapter, as well as giving a thoughtful presentation on how far women have come in 100 years. The keynote address was delivered by United States Senator Claire McCaskill, 1972. She stressed the importance of family and friends in a humorous and inspirational speech. The program concluded with the singing of "Remember the Black and Gold, Dear" and the centennial toast delivered by Phyllis McDandell Reesman, 1952, and Paula Oviatt Kurtz, 1953. Both women have been involved on the planning committees for the 50-, 75- and 100-year reunions.

The celebration of the past century of sisterhood was an exciting, fun-filled and moving weekend that reminded us all how much we have accomplished over this century, how much we have in common no matter our age, and what close bonds we formed through our initiation into Kappa Alpha Theta. ♦

Other highlights of the reunion weekend included the attendance of 74-year-Theta Jane Shelden Kelley, 1935; 75-year-Theta Avis Green Tucker, 1934; and Katie Welch Luck, 1965, granddaughter of Nell Farley, one of the founders of Delta Psi. Delta Psi was the local sorority that became Kappa Alpha Theta's Alpha Mu Chapter in 1909.

The university helped recognize our milestone with a banner on the Alumni Center building on campus and a special letter from the Chancellor recognizing our contributions to the university and to the community.

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Theta's educational leadership consultants participated in a group training exercise at Risk Management on the Road.

SISTERHOOD AND SAFETY

PROGRAM HELPS ELCS HELP CHAPTERS MANAGE RISK

Risk management is not a term that occurs regularly in conversation for most people. Yet for Kappa Alpha Theta's educational leadership consultants (ELCs)—as well as for the traveling consultants of other Greek-letter organizations—risk management is a topic of much discussion because it is of vital importance for our chapters.

On college campuses today, risk management is an issue that Kappa Alpha Theta cannot ignore. It is the responsibility of all college chapters to be knowledgeable about Theta's risk management expectations and proactive in adhering to Fraternity, FIPG (Fraternity Information Programming Group, Inc.), and campus policies, as well as federal, state/province, and local laws. Helping to educate Theta college chapters about risk management issues is one task of the ELCs as they travel across the continent.

In 1992, Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity began an educational program for the traveling consultants of men's and women's fraternal groups called Risk Management on the Road (RMOTR). The Sorority Division of MJ Insurance joined Kappa Alpha Theta in 2005 to both expand RMOTR programming and narrow its focus to women's fraternity and sorority traveling consultants and their supervisors. The risk exposures for women's groups are generally much different from those of men's groups, the engagement of alumnae volunteers and university professionals is different for women's groups, and the networking that results from participation in this seminar can be a valuable tool for these young women while they are on the road.

"The Risk Management on the Road seminar is an opportunity to bring together the traveling staffs of the NPC groups to learn about and dis-



cuss the many critical issues surrounding risk management," said Ginny Carroll, RMOTR facilitator. "There is a significant difference in risk management issues and practices between the men's and women's fraternal groups and thus a need to prepare the female traveling staffs differently. I am happy to be able to help. We are pleased that each year the seminar has evolved and that participants are overwhelmingly pleased with what they learn and the connections they make with other travelers."

Again this year, Risk Management on the Road brought together women's fraternal traveling staffs to learn about and discuss the critical issue of risk management in our Greek community. Kappa Alpha Theta and MJ Insurance provide a program designed to be an outstanding training opportunity and professional development tool for the traveling staffs of the NPC groups. Theta and MJ Insurance also subsidize the financial cost of RMOTR, making it free (not including travel expenses) for any participating group.

Over the years, the mission of RMOTR has remained the same: to increase the skills and competence of traveling consultants. Within this goal, the program has continued to evolve to include expert-driven content with an emphasis on applying the learning, to incorporate opportunities for the supervisors of travelers to participate and meet as a group, and to open sessions to other staff and volunteers who may have a special interest in a specific topic. ♦

SUPPORTING RMOTR

The following organizations and firms sponsor Risk Management on the Road.

Association of Fraternity Advisors
www.fraternityadvisors.org

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www.tridelta.org

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www.fipg.org

Fraternity Executives Association
wwwfea-inc.org

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www.npcwomen.org

Outside the Classroom
www.outsidetheclassroom.com

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A/DEPAUW

Margaret Clippinger Gutting; 1934, November 2008
 Ellen Rogers Kahlo; 1931, April 2009
 Esther Sweet Lewis; 1933, September 2008
 Lois Lumpkin Southard McKnight; 1931, Dec. 2008
 Mary Butler Nesbit; 1935, August 2009
 Susan Fortune Zaiser; 1961, May 2009

B/INDIANA

Mary Lou Hamilton Kalt; 1945, December 2008

T/BUTLER

Helen Bolyard Hootkins; 1930, April 2009
 Marilyn Quillen Miller; 1960, February 2009
 Virginia Foltz O'Brien; 1949, March 2009
 Betty Ann Lugar Powers; 1945, March 2009
 Elizabeth Marshall Stout; 1940, June 2009
 Helen Holman Stout; 1938, February 2009
 Betty MacDonald Thompson; 1937, May 2009

D/ILLINOIS

Patricia Brown Douthitt; 1941, May 2009
 Frances Angell Dunn; 1939, March 2009

H/MICHIGAN

Jan Fullenwider Foster; 1936, June 2009
 Ruth E. Jessup; 1982, April 2009

I/CORNELL

Jane Randolph Demott; 1945, March 2009
 Mary Cross Wulfleff; 1945, February 2009

K/KANSAS

Jeanne Brock Bunn; 1940, March 2009
 Nancy Donovan Nestel; 1942, December 2008

L/VERMONT

Cassandra Moseley Berry; 1978, April 2009
 Sheila Fay; 1952, April 2009

I^Δ/OHIO WESLEYAN

Mary Jane Smith Finefrock; 1939, May 2009
 Sally Moore Whiting; 1945, May 2009

M/ALLEGHENY

Jean Street Roy; 1939, December 2008

O/USC

Marguerite Borden Consani; 1952, April 2009
 Judith Kircher Coulter; 1955, February 2009
 Virginia Lyvers Lee; 1953, March 2009
 Millicent Wilson Moncrief; 1946, July 2008

P/NEBRASKA

Bette Heckenlively Allen; 1945, January 2009
 Margaret Day Anthon; 1929, March 2009
 Gwenith Orr Sheldon; 1938, April 2009

S/TORONTO

Mary Wyndow Ferguson; 1926, March 2008

T/NORTHWESTERN

Ann Davis Schaefer; 1959, April 2009

Y/MINNESOTA

Mary Jo Knapp Cronk; 1935, February 2008

Φ/PACIFIC

Betty Behney Genuit; 1959, March 2009

X/SYRACUSE

Ellen Norton Kendrick; 1937, July 2009
 Jane Bradley McLeod; 1932, May 2009

Ψ/WISCONSIN

Elinor "CeCe" Neckerman Stege; 1931, April 2009

AB/SWARTHMORE

Elizabeth McCabe Thieme; 1924, December 2008

AΓ/OHIO STATE

Helen Follett Brooks; 1921, February 2008
 Sally Sisson Pattillos; 1953, May 2009
 Diane Hauenstein Shanahan; 1956, April 2009
 Jean McDonald Stiffey; 1941, April 2009
 Joyce Reynolds Temple; 1948, August 2008

AΔ/GOUCHER

Elizabeth Yoe Gordon; 1937, March 2008

AH/VANDERBILT

Joanne Geny Bailey; 1949, April 2009
 Virginia Sturdivant Dodson; 1936, April 2009
 Kathryn Lynch Henderson; 1933, February 2009

AΘ/TEXAS

Mary Tom Morgan Rasco Crain; 1939, February 2009
 Margaret Rolle Dullnig; 1938, May 2009
 Mathilde Donnell Greenwood; 1933, March 2009
 Dorothy Whitehurst Heard; 1923, May 2009
 Virginia Owens Lauderdale; 1957, November 2009
 Esther Wiggins Osborn; 1948, June 2009
 Clare Coates Werkenthin; 1954, April 2009

AI/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Mary Eicher Cole; 1937, March 2009
 Eilene Marie Slack Galloway; 1924, May 2009

AΛ/WASHINGTON

Eunice Storey de Chazeau; 1923, September 2008

AM/MISSOURI

Carolyn Taylor Burridge; 1965, May 2009
 Patricia Jensen Cld; 1946, September 2008
 Dorcas Jeans Holden; 1959, May 2009
 Kathryn Meigs Howland; 1945, November 2008
 Madeleine Breining Reid; 1936, June 2009
 Anita Speiser Scheiderer; 1960, January 2009

AN/MONTANA

Marcia MacDonald Callaghan; 1945, March 2009
 Eileen Polk Wilson; 1950, October 2008

AΕ/OREGON

Brandon Young Southworth; 1935, December 2008

AO/OKLAHOMA

Pegge McCallister Allen; 1947, May 2009
 Jane Bond Hughey; 1955, May 2009
 Genevieve Taft Pelikan; 1931, April 2009
 Ruth Potts Stuart; 1936, December 2008
 Florence Potter Sutton; 1941, June 2009

AP/SOUTH DAKOTA

Mary Dunn Bollinger; 1952, October 2008
 Gertrude Bennett Staniels; 1930, April 2009

AΣ/WASHINGTON STATE

Charma Smith Berg; 1949, March 2009
 Patricia Mrray Lucas; 1945, February 2009
 Nancy Fitzgerald Stack; 1949, March 2009

AT/CINCINNATI

Virginia Wolfe Bartlett; 1955, November 2007
 Sheena Gebbie Hutchinson; 1982, June 2009
 Sarah Turner Morgan; 1968, June 2009
 Mary Alice Leding Wells; 1923, April 2009

AΦ/TULANE

Glorain Curry Browne; 1956, April 2009
 Ann Vega LeMoine; 1956, May 2006

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Susan Neff Steele; 1955, August 2008
 Arlene Moritz Whitmarsh; 1934, November 2008

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Helen Peters Allen; 1935, April 2009
 Jennifer Hackworthy Gambino; 1986, September 2007
 Shirley Nelson Leete; 1940, February 2009
 Anne Blakeman Pengelly; 1938, December 2008

AΩ/PITTSBURGH

Betty Sapp Clippinger; 1939, May 2009

BB/RANDOLPH-MACON WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Joan Graham Baker; 1948, December 2008

ΒΓ/COLORADO STATE

Florence Shellabarger Britton; 1933, April 2008

ΒΔ/ARIZONA

Lorraine Caffrey Hogue; 1948, July 2009
 Jean Thomas; 1951, May 2009

BΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Kaye Farris Jeffers; 1967, April 2008
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BΘ/IDAHO

Rosella Kelly Miller; 1952, January 2009

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Cherry Carter Bianchi; 1959, May 2009
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BΚ/DRAKE

Harriette Jones Bartram; 1941, June 2009
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ΒΑ/WILLIAM & MARY

DarrieAnn Platt Anderson; 1955, May 2008

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ΒΕ/UCLA

Mary Rowell McKey; 1936, June 2009

ΒΟ/IOWA

Mary Ann Zeigler Eckberg; 1942, January 2009

ΒΠ/MICHIGAN STATE

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ΒΡ/DUKE

Ann Michaux Watkins Taylor; 1933, April 2009

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Nancy Backstrom; 1964, August 2008
 Arline Hale Gilbert; 1944, November 2008
 Patricia Slane Harkins; 1966, July 2008
 Joan Luddy Mossey; 1947, March 2009

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Patricia Gray Becker; 1950, June 2009

Π/KENTUCKY

Betty Coleman Cole; 1952, February 2009
 Janet Payne; 1953, April 2009

ΤΣ/SAN JOSE STATE

Nancy Dean Scott; 1950, April 2009

ΤΟ/NEW MEXICO

Gypsy Bennett Hall; 1949, May 2008
 Martha Bown Hotchkiss; 1952, March 2008

ΙΠ/IOWA STATE

Lynda Anderson Hoffmann; 1961, June 2009

ΓΤ/TULSA

Jane Robinson Barry; 1953, June 2009

ΓΧ/FRESNO STATE

Roxie Bell Dilbeck; 1953, August 2006

ΓΩ/AUBURN

Linda Downing Blau; 1967, June 2009

ΔΔ/WHITMAN

Sandra Bowles Coulter; 1958, June 2009

ΔΖ/EMORY

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ΖΔ/CHARLESTON

Bonnie Vohsen Hulett; 1994, August 2008 ♫

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Top: Marilynn Smith (left) and fellow LPGA founder Shirley Sport (right) give a lesson during a golf clinic for the U.S. Army. Bottom: Smith, who also served as LPGA president from 1958 to 1960, watches a putt snake toward the hole.

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teaching division in 1958 failed when put to a vote by the membership. In 1959, though, it passed by one vote, thus establishing what is now the LPGA T&CP division.

Many LPGA T&CP members gathered in Aurora, Ill., in August to commemorate the 50th anniversary milestone. The celebration occurred during The Solheim Cup, a biennial trans-Atlantic competition that pits the 12 best American-born LPGA members against the 12 best European-born players.

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